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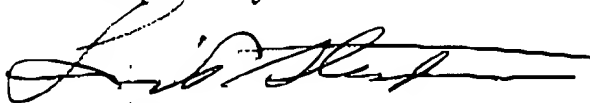
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I believe this amendment, discussed with Mr. Anderson immediately before his retirement, places the application in condition for allowance, the allowability of the substance having been indicated in the Final Office Action of October 9, 2003.

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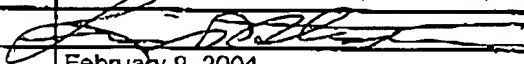
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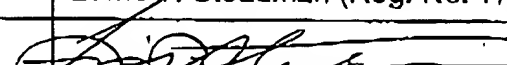
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